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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON
MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.'S
PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF THE *QWEST OMAHA ORDER***

WC Docket No. 04-223

Comments Due: August 29, 2007

Reply Comments Due: September 13, 2007

On July 23, 2007, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeodUSA) filed a petition for modification of the Commission's *Qwest Omaha Order*.¹ In its petition, McLeodUSA urges the Commission to modify the *Qwest Omaha Order* by reinstating Qwest's section 251(c)(3) unbundling obligations in the Omaha MSA.² McLeodUSA argues that, in its experience, the Commission's predictive judgment that Qwest would offer wholesale access to dedicated facilities on reasonable terms and conditions once released from the legal mandate of section 251(c) has proven incorrect.³

This Public Notice establishes certain procedural requirements relating to consideration of the McLeodUSA Petition. This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200, 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or

¹ Petition for Modification of McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., WC Docket No. 04-223 (filed July 23, 2007) (McLeodUSA Petition). On September 16, 2005, the Commission adopted the *Qwest Omaha Order* in which it granted Qwest Corporation (Qwest) forbearance from the obligation to provide unbundled loops and dedicated transport pursuant to section 251(c)(3) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, in nine of Qwest's 24 wire centers in the Omaha Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). *Petition of Qwest Corporation for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) in the Omaha Metropolitan Statistical Area*, WC Docket No. 04-223, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 20 FCC Rcd 19415 (2005) (*Qwest Omaha Order*), *aff'd*, *Qwest Corp. v. FCC*, 482 F.3d 471 (D.C. Cir. 2007); see also 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(3). The Commission also granted Qwest additional regulatory relief by forbearing from the application of certain dominant carrier regulation to Qwest's provision of mass market switched access and broadband services and minor relief from sections 271 and 251(c)(6) to reflect the relief granted from section 251(c)(3). See *Qwest Omaha Order*, 20 FCC Rcd at 19417, para. 2.

² McLeodUSA Petition at 1.

³ *Id.*

two sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Pursuant to sections 1.45 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.45, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on the McLeodUSA Petition on or before **August 29, 2007** and reply comments on or before **September 13, 2007**. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Suite TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Two (2) courtesy copies must be delivered to Janice M. Myles, Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, 445 12th Street, SW, Suite 5-C327, Washington, DC 20554, or via e-mail to janice.myles@fcc.gov; and one (1) copy must be sent to Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, Suite CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 202-488-5300, facsimile 202-488-5563, or via e-mail to FCC@BCPIWEB.COM.

Comments may be filed: (1) using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS); (2) using the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal; or (3) by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
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For further information regarding this proceeding, contact Jeremy Miller, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-1580.

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